



The Royal Arch of the York Rite of Freemasonry

The Chapter Degrees consists of four degrees. The Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch. The Mark Master Mason Degree follows the Master Mason Degree in the Blue Lodge. It is the First Degree of the York Rite. The Mark Master Mason is the degree where a mason selects his mark emblematic of marks operative masons used to mark the stones from the quarries they chiseled. The candidate represents a craftsman in the quarry chiseling stone. The candidate learns several lessons.

The Past Master Degree is the shortest degree in Freemasonry. In the early days of the York Rite, only Past Masters of Blue Lodges could advance to the Royal Arch. The York Rite added the degree of Past Master to make candidate virtual Past Masters. The degree teaches many lessons about leadership.

The Most Excellent Master Degree is very moving. It is about the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. This degree picture events after the tragedy of the Third Degree.

The Royal Arch Degree takes place after King Solomon's Temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon. The Jews were taken into captivity where they remained for 70 years until the reigns of Cyrus and Darius, Kings of Persia. The degree depicts a journey from Babylon to Jerusalem by Jews whose purpose was to build the second Temple. It is also a very moving degree. It tells about excavations at the sight of the destroyed King Solomon's Temple. It also teaches many lessons and insights.

The philanthropy of the Royal Arch is the Royal Arch Research Foundation - What Dyslexia is to the eyes, CAPD is to the ears. With this condition people can't understand what they hear in the same way others do. This is because their ears and brain don't fully coordinate. Something interferes with the way the brain recognizes and interprets sounds, especially speech.

Temple Chapter of Winslow received a dispensation to meet on 28 July 1903. It became an official Masonic body on 11 November 1903.



Cryptic Masons of the York Rite of Freemasonry

Navajo Council Number 7 received a dispensation to meet on September 13, 1946, and its charter on April 14, 1947.

Cryptic Masonry consists of two degrees, the Royal Master Degree and the Select Master. In the Royal Master Degree Hiram Abiff discusses a premonition of his death with a candidate who represents a workman at King Solomon's Temple. The workman expresses his concerns about being able to receive Master Mason wages after the completion of the Temple.

The Select Master degree describes King Solomon's vision that his Temple would be destroyed, and all the sacred furniture would be lost. Prior to the building of King Solomon's Temple on the top of Mount Mariah, Mount Marah was leveled by stonework so the temple could be on a level foundation. As a result, a series of crypts existed underneath King Solomon's Temple. In one of these crypts, according to legend, King Solomon, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff hid sacred treasures that included copies of the Holy Writings up to that point. Although neither one of the Cryptic degrees is very long, they are very moving and teach lessons about the spirit within mankind that caused the preservation of the Holy Writings to modern times.

The philanthropy of Cryptic Masons is the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. Donations go for research at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine located at the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Administration Medical Center located at Indianapolis, Indiana (www.cmmrf.org).



Knights Templar of the York Rite of Freemasonry

- **Christian Requirement:** Unlike standard Freemasonry, which requires only a belief in a "Supreme Being" regardless of faith, members of the Masonic Knights Templar must typically profess a belief in the Christian religion.
- **York Rite Structure:** It is the third and final branch of the York Rite, following the Royal Arch Chapter and the Cryptic Council.
- **Military Organization:** Local units are called Commanderies, which operate under a state-level Grand Commandery and a national Grand Encampment in the U.S.
- **Orders Conferred:** A Commandery bestows three primary "orders" rather than degrees:
 - The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.
 - The Order of Malta.
 - The Order of the Temple (the highest level).

Philanthropies

Knights Templar Eye Foundation – a world-renowned research organization
(<http://www.knightstemplar.org/ktef/>)

Knights Templar Education Foundation – to educate members and provide scholarships for college

Holy Land Pilgrimage – to provide Christian Ministers an opportunity to visit the Holy Land.

Calvary Commandery Number 8 in Winslow received a dispensation to meet on September 21, 1939, and received its charter on April 1, 1940

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry



Often called the "**University of Freemasonry**," it expands upon the fundamental principles of the first three degrees (the "Blue Lodge") through a series of 29 additional degrees (4°–32°).

A 33° (**Sovereign Grand Inspector General**) is an honorary degree awarded only by the Supreme Council for exceptional service to Freemasonry or Humanity.

Key Values

Reverence for God, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, Devotion to Country, Service to Humanity

<https://www.google.com/search?q=summary+of+scottish+rite+freemasonry&rlz=>

Scottish Rite Philanthropies

Key Pillars of Scottish Rite Philanthropy:

- **RiteCare® Clinics:** Dedicated to helping children with speech and language disorders, offering services like therapy, screenings, and, in some locations, literacy training.
- **Disaster Relief:** Provides financial assistance to victims of natural disasters such as floods, fires, and earthquakes through specialized funds.
- **Scholarships:** Offers financial aid for higher education, specifically targeting fields like speech pathology, education, and supporting children of members.
- **Member Support:** Upholds obligations to assist Masons and their families in times of hardship.

The Scottish Rite also operates orthopedic hospitals for children. Foundations in the Scottish Rite, Shrine and York Rite operate as 501(c)(3) nonprofits.



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Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. With nearly 200 local chapters and thousands of clubs on six continents, Shriners are known for their fellowship, brotherhood, compassion, and generosity. The fraternity established Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922, and continues to support it today, while striving to make the world a happier, better place.

Shriners International helps good men become better leaders, husbands, fathers, friends and community contributors. Brotherhood is the cultural foundation that distinguishes our fraternity from other groups and associations. When you become a Shriner, you join a network of nearly 200,000 brothers around the globe who are dedicated to helping and supporting each other personally and professionally.

Shriner International Hospitals

- **Boston, MA:** [Shriners Children's Boston](#) (Burns, Orthopedics, Cleft Lip)
- **Chicago, IL:** Shriners Children's Chicago (Orthopedics, Spinal Cord)
- **Dayton, OH:** Shriners Children's Ohio (Burns, Plastic Surgery)
- **Erie, PA:** Shriners Children's Erie (Orthopedics)
- **Galveston, TX:** Shriners Children's Texas (Burn Care)
- **Greenville, SC:** Shriners Children's Greenville (Orthopedics)
- **Honolulu, HI:** Shriners Children's Hawaii (Orthopedics)
- **Lexington, KY:** Shriners Children's Lexington (Orthopedics)
- **Philadelphia, PA:** Shriners Children's Philadelphia (Orthopedics, Spinal Cord)
- **Portland, OR:** Shriners Children's Portland (Orthopedics, Burns)
- **Sacramento, CA:** Shriners Children's Northern California (Burns, Spinal Cord)
- **Salt Lake City, UT:** Shriners Children's Salt Lake City (Orthopedics)
- **Springfield, MA:** Shriners Children's New England (Orthopedics)



Order of Eastern Star

Membership Requirements: Members must be 18 or older and hold a belief in a Supreme Being. Men must be Master Masons. Women no longer need a Masonic affiliation to be a member,

Purpose and Values: The OES aims to promote charity, education, and fraternal friendship. It is not a religion, but a social and charitable order that supports community projects and provides scholarships, such as the [Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership \(ESTARL\)](#).

The Arizona Eastern Star Foundation (AESF) is an Arizona nonprofit corporation, recognized as a private foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The mission and purpose of the AESF is to provide aid and assistance by supporting other Arizona 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. AESF also supports our members and their descendants through financial assistance in the form of scholarships.

The AESF mission includes the support of charitable organizations that relieve human suffering caused by abuse, neglect, illness, or poverty throughout the State of Arizona.



Arizona Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona



White River Lodge #62 was chartered in April 1963. A Masonic Lodge is called a Blue Lodge. For a man to become a Mason, he must be of good moral character, profess a belief in a supreme being, and ask for a petition for membership. We do not solicit men for membership. The petition must be accepted; he will then go through three degrees (or ceremonies). Each degree requires that he passes a proficiency to advance to the next degree.

The lodge is grounded in our three principal tenets—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—this theme challenges each of us to live these tenets not just in Lodge, but in our daily lives. Whether through acts of kindness, offering support to those in need, or living with honesty and integrity. Our Grand Master Leigh Creighton reminds us that Masonry is not merely a membership—it is a calling to live better, serve more, and walk uprightly. Website: azmasons.org

Masonic Charities of Arizona

Assist those organizations throughout the State, engaged in relieving human suffering of any kind, which are dependent upon contributions from the public to accomplish their mission. <https://www.masoniccharitiesaz.com/>

The Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children

At the heart of our work is the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP), also known as the Children at Risk Program. This three-day training is presented by Newman/Stecker International to train teachers to recognize children at risk in dangerous conditions in their lives.

<https://www.foundation4children.org/about>

Masonic Service Association

Providing relief around the world for national disasters.

AZ Masonic Safety ID Program

The Arizona Masonic Safety ID Program addresses the alarming fact that more children are reported missing each year. While most are found, many are not. This CHIP program is offered to the public at no charge.